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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

National Review/New York, NY: Re: DOJ v. Michigan on Foreign Language Interpreters

"Good for Justice Markman! Here (at appendix A in this congressional testimony) is the Center for Equal Opportunity's analysis of why the Justice Department's policy in this area is legally unsound — that is, why a 'disparate impact' application of Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act cannot be legitimately used to equate language discrimination with national-origin discrimination."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

National Review/New York, NY: DOJ vs. Michigan on Foreign-Language Interpreters—Part 2

[Full story](#)

National Review/New York, NY: DOJ vs. Michigan on Foreign-Language Interpreters—Part 1

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Michigan appeals court allows hit man to testify in 2007 drug house killings

"A convicted hit man will have the opportunity to testify and possibly clear a young man in a quadruple killing at a Detroit drug house under a Michigan Court of Appeals decision released Friday. The court ruled that Vincent Smothers could give evidence in the case of Davontae Sanford, who pleaded guilty to second-degree murder after the September 2007 shootings of five people in the house, all but one of whom died. Sanford, who has a learning disability and one eye, was 14 years old at the time."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Michigan appeals court allows Detroit hit man to testify

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Associated Press: Michigan appeals court allows hit man to testify

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Note: This Associated Press article also ran in the Battle Creek Enquirer, the Lansing State Journal, the Midland Daily News, the Times Herald/Port Huron and other media outlets.

WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Appeals court reopens case of man locked up for 4 deaths, allows Detroit hit man to testify

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Ex U-M student convicted of killing his mother asks for new trial

"A former University of Michigan student convicted of beating and stabbing his mother to death in the garage of the family's Highland Township home has asked for a new trial, charging that his attorney failed to adequately represent him. Appellate attorney Neil Leithauser, appointed to represent Jeffrey Pyne, said in a filing with the Michigan Court of Appeals that Pyne's trial attorney, James Champion, made dozens of mistakes during the three-week trial late last year and prevented him from receiving a fair trial."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Local black history-makers will seek to inspire Detroit kids

"Dozens of photos in Judge Craig Strong's jury room show off his colorful encounters with celebrities and historical figures.... While known affectionately for his rainbow-colored wardrobe and alligator shoes, Strong's legal career is the reason he was chosen as one of eight local African-American motivational speakers taking part in a nationwide event today called 'Back to School with the HistoryMakers.' "

[Full story](#)

Associated Press: County: Watchdog group not pursuing Mich. judge

"A Macomb County official says the Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission isn't pursuing a probe into a circuit court judge. Interim corporation counsel John Schapka tells the Detroit Free Press and The Detroit News Thursday that the state commission has closed an inquiry into Judge Richard Caretti."

[Full story](#)

Note: This Associated Press article also ran in the Macomb Daily, the Morning Sun and other media outlets.

Daily Press & Argus: Court Docket: Judge recuses herself from doctor's case

"A Livingston County District Court judge recused herself from hearing a criminal case against a Howell doctor accused of delivering drugs illegally. The reason Judge Theresa Brennan recused herself from hearing the state's case against Dr. Michael Holda was not immediately known to the Press & Argus Thursday."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Circuit judge to lead discussion for program on domestic violence

"Wayne County Circuit Judge Richard Halloran will be serving as a seminar discussion leader for the training program Enhancing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases Workshop. This training is offered by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges in partnership with Futures Without Violence and the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Turnabout: Special court offers veterans opportunity to rebuild their lives

"... Debbie Cherry, was a secretary for Genesee County Probate Judge Jennie Barkey, filled the judge's ears with stories of other military members suffering PTSD. Barkey decided to form a Veterans Treatment Court, and her vision became a reality in January 2013, after approval by the State Court Administrator's Office and Genesee County Chief Circuit Judge Richard Yuille signed it into existence. And the Veterans Court in Genesee County was dedicated in honor of [Cherry's son] Dwayne Cherry."

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Legal News: Lubben appointed vice-chair of Attorney Discipline Board

"Miller Johnson attorney Craig H. Lubben was appointed vice-chairperson of the Attorney Discipline Board (ADB) by the Michigan Supreme Court (MSC). His term ends Oct. 1, 2014. He has served on the ADB since 2008."

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Press: Judge admonishes former Grand Rapids Christian High teacher sentenced for sex acts with teen

"Seeing yet another teacher before him because of sexual activity with a student, Kent County Circuit Court Judge Mark Trusock had a question.... Former Grand Rapids Christian High School teacher Mark

Vogel will have 16 months to two years to contemplate the judge's query after Trusock sentenced the 33-year-old on Thursday, Sept. 26."

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Press: Judge: 85-year-old Grand Rapids motorist could benefit from driver's training

"A Kent County judge suggested that Carl Hainer, the 85-year-old Grand Rapids man who filed a federal lawsuit after losing his driver's license, should take a refresher course for mature drivers. Circuit Judge George Buth this spring upheld the Secretary of State's decision to restrict his driving privileges."

[Full story](#)

Kalamazoo Gazette: Special court for troubled veterans proposed for Van Buren, Allegan and Barry counties

"Van Buren County could join with two other Southwest Michigan counties in a special court for troubled veterans. The Van Buren County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, Sept. 26, heard a presentation by Allegan County District Court Judge William Baillargeon on the possibility of creating a veterans court for Allegan, Barry and Van Buren counties. He had already received a \$108,000 grant from the state to start one."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Herald-Palladium/St. Joseph: Vets court eyed for Van Buren

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: E-filing proposal causes stir at Michigan Supreme Court hearing

"Numerous people have concerns, including constitutional ones, about the Michigan Supreme Court's proposed statewide e-filing rules and standards. And they voiced their frustrations at the high court's Sept. 25 public administrative hearing. The prevailing uneasiness surrounds the 'extra' fees charged for e-filing. These fees are in addition to regular filing fees and are already being collected in counties with courts that have e-filing pilot projects, like Wayne and Ottawa."

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Baby Bree Green's mother continues fight for custody as family faces Oct. 1 hearing

"Maria Green says that 'it keeps getting worse' for her and her family in their continued fight to get her 6-month-old daughter Brielle 'Bree' Green back into their Lansing home. Bree, who was removed from her parents' home on Sept. 13, has been at the center of a battle between Child Protective Services and proponents of the state's Medical Marijuana Act."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Foster Care Review Board seeking volunteers

"The State Court Administrative Office of the Michigan Supreme Court is currently seeking volunteers to serve on the County Foster Care Review Boards. The Michigan Legislature established the Foster Care Review Board Program in 1984 in an effort to improve children's foster care programs through the state utilizing citizen review boards."

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